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if you stay in the game.

Biggest news will have to be that I have moved. Please  
send all of your orders, etc. to me at

16 W 761 White Pines Rd., Bensenville, Ill., 60106.

I have in my possession a letter from Dave Crockett on the subject of  
his recent treatment by various and sundry individuals in the hobby who  
he thinks have been after him. Since the argumant in question concerns  
ATO, I feel that it is not a bad idea for me to print it. Besides, I need  
the filler. Background info: Basically, since Dave is trying to win  
so many games, and since people know about it, he is selective about  
who is in the game with him. Charges of negotiating with others before  
the game starts have been bandied about and also the charge that he was  
put in the game 1978FK, negotiated and thought that he could not get an  
alliance and so dropped out. This letter addresses itself to these charges.

"Dave Crockett's answer to Bob Sargeant from St. George and the Dragon  
Vol. IV, #10.

I never wrote anyone telling them of you and Steve ((McLendon ,  
publisher of Dragon and the Lamb)) in Dippy. I called a player who I  
was in a game with and he was also in your game and in general conversation  
it came up that you and Steve were friends. I'm sorry if this caused  
you any problems although in the game in question you seem to be doing  
quite well.

The game you have questioned, 1978FK, a list of players was sent to  
Dennis and Bernie Agosta ((Actually, I believe that at the time the  
list was sent to that tower of inefficiency, Cal White)) about one week  
before sending out Winter, 1900. I then dropped out of the game before  
the game started as noted by Craig and was replaced((by Anna Moraitis)).  
This correction was sent in by a very efficient gamesmaster, Craig Reges.  
It was also noted by the Agostas, but in the transfer from CalWhite They,  
have had many problems straightening out the BNC so the correction was not  
noted in Everything. It has been noted in the BNC permanent records and a  
correction will be coming out in the next Everything.

I don't believe you should infere something underhanded on either Reges'  
part or the Agosta's part as they are all fine people in the hobby. You  
make serious charges without foundation and I believe you owe Craig Reges,  
Bernie and Dennis Agosta along with myself an apology.

Furthermore, I did no negotiating with anyone in that game. I only  
called Leland Harmon after removing myself warning him of the situation  
between Austria and Russia as is born out by his letter to Dragon and the  
Lamb.

It is interesting to note that most of the top rated players have  
dropped out of the hobby: such notables like Buchanan, Birsan, Ver Ploeg,  
Rocamoca, and Beyerlein and Verheiden from at least new game as the last  
two still play standby positions. The reason in most cases I believe is  
it has become impossible for them to get an even shake due to their reputation  
as winners.

In my most recent attempt to enter a game three players jumped in at the last moment to wolfpack me as was admitted by one of the three. While I don't blame them for trying to knock me off they in turn cannot blame me for protecting myself. It appears now that I have reached the point of retirement as it has become impossible for me to enter a game and gain an ally. Ron Kelly may not ally with you but your statement that you would never stab him because of his number of standby positions along with your admitted profitable relationship with him makes me wonder. Add to this the loss of Ron as my ally in Dragon and the Lamb has to make me think other than you have stated.

In 1977 Bob and I were on the top board in the finals of DipCon and I am largely responsible for Bob not winning that tournament. It is a long story and anyone interested in my side of the story should ask me at Origins in June and I will be glad to show you in detail what happened and let you decide for yourself. Then you may see why Bob is not that fond of me.

Finally, an interesting note on page 10 of St. George and the Dragon concerning a further correction of 1976JW, it appears that there are others who make changes in game start listings, but then in Bob's case perhaps this is alright. Incidentally, this change appeared in the same issue as does his article concerning my actions.

Just for the record, Bob is the best player I have ever played against in regards to tactics and I'm looking forward to playing him in some pick-up game as well as in the tournament.

Sincerely, Dave Crockett (s) "

Realizing that this issue is late, I must give the main reason of it as being the fact that I left some material, like all the names, addresses, and so forth down at school when I and the fellows who I came home with couldn't everything in the cars we were driving. Sorry about that. This issue distributed free.

1976BH Spring, 1912

Austria/O.1units A Transylvania S Annihilated Russian Army Rumania  
Moves made by the joker Jones, natch.  
Now the real stuff.

France/15/Mahler F St.P-BarS, F Swe-Bal, F WMed S F Tyrr-Tun, F Mao-NAf  
F Nth C A Hol-Hwy, F Ska-Den, A Kiel S A Mun, A Mun S A Pied-Tyr /d/ Annih.  
A Hol-Hwy, A Ruhr S A Mun, A Pied-Tyr, F Mar-G Lyon, A Paris-Burg, A Bre-Gas

Germany/2/Price A Sil and A Ber S A Tyr-Mun,

Italy/15/Boyer A Sev S A Rum-Ukr, A Gal S A Rum-Ukr, A Bud-Vie, A Ser-Rum,  
F Blk H, F Alb-Adr, A Tri-Ven, A Boh S A Tyr-Mun, A Ven-Tus, F Rome S  
F Rome S F NAP-Tyrr, F Tun S F Nap-Tyrr, F Ion S F Tun

Russia/2/Caruso A Mos S A War-Lvn Deadline July 9.

Press: Russia: Its only 1912. Come on now. It has been more than  
three years, (12 by the game) to get where you are. Doesn't that tell  
you guys something?

1978 FK Winter, 1903 Separation requested by two BUT I have orders  
on file for everybody.

Austria/4/Kelly Even.

England/3/Cozzi Remove F Edi

France/7/Buck Build A Par

Germany/Harmon/6/ Build F Kiel, A Mun

Deadline July 9.

Italy/5/McArdle Even

Russia/7/Verheiden Build A War

Turkey/2/Moraitis Remove A Bul, A Smy

1978FL Winter, 1903

Austria/6/Mooney A Rum r to Gal, F Aeg, A Bul, Gre, Gal, Ser, Vie

England/5/Foster Even. F Lon, Lvp, Edi, Bar, A Nwy

France/6/Bowland Even A Pic, Gas, Bel, F EngC, F Mao, Clyde

Germany/5/Kendter, Jr. Build A Mun; A Ruhr, Hol, Den, F Bal

Italy/4/Frank EVEN A Pied, Naf, F EMed, F Lyon

Russia/4/Kelly B A War. F Swe, Rum, A Ukr, A Mos

Turkey/3/Mainardi Remove F Blk AARM, F Smyrna, A Con

Deadline July 9.

Press: Roma: The Italian Government has fallen, the new Prime Minister  
has indicated a willingness to consider reversing the policies of his  
predecessor. Countries who open diplomatic relations will receive a  
favored treatment.

1978KA Austria/7/Caruso Build A Bud Also A Gal, Bud, Bul, Rum, F Ion, GRE UKR

England/6/Harmon Build F Edi, Also F Nth, F Hel, Nwy, A Hol, A Bel

France/5/Frank/EV3n. A Ruhr, Bur, Mar, Pic, F Spasc

Germany/4/Dallyn Remove A Lvn Has A Den, F Bal, A Mun, A Pru

Italy/4/Hilton Even. Has F Aeg, F Tyrr, A Pied, A Tun

Russia/4/Guajardo Remove F Arm Has A St.P, A Mos, F Swe,

Turkey/4/Smith ~~EVEN~~ NBR GM Builds A AnK Also A Sev, E Blc, FCon

Deadline is July 9. Austria was not credited with Bul last turn.

WINTER,  
1902

AND AWARD